

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the temperature of a web (5), which is formed from cellulosic pulp and is to be passed to a dryer, by way of applying temperature-controlled liquid to the web when passed into a closed space (4), wherein said temperature-controlled liquid (6, 7, 10) is applied at controlled pressure and flow rate to the web (5), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said closed space (4) is defined by two wires (1, 2) and side deckles, and that said liquid is applied through the wires (1, 2) into the web both from below the bottom wire (1) and from above the top wire (2).

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the closed space (4) between the wires (1, 2) a moderate positive pressure is maintained.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the penetration of the liquid being applied into the web (5) is improved by maintaining a pressure difference between the opposite sides of the web.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to any of the previous claims, **characterized in that** claim 1, wherein the temperature of the web (5) is elevated substantially close to 100 °C.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to claim 3 or 4, **characterized in that, wherein** in order to establish said pressure difference, a suction box (8, 9) is adapted to operate opposite to some or to each liquid feed point (6, 7, 10) on the other side of the web, substantially aligned with said liquid feed point (6, 7, 10).

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to any of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** claim 1, wherein chemicals are added to the web (5) in conjunction with the liquid application in order to improve the qualities of the web.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to claim 6, **characterized in that** wherein the liquid is applied to the web at several successive points (6, 10; 7).

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to claim 7, **characterized in that** wherein the liquid is applied alternatingly from above and from below the web.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the solids content of the ingoing web (5) is about 0.5 - 4.0 % and the solids of the outgoing web prior to its entry into the dryer is about 20 - 30 %.

Claim 10. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein the temperature of the web (5) is elevated substantially close to 100 °C.

Claim 11. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein the temperature of the web (5) is elevated substantially close to 100 °C.

Claim 12. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein in order to establish said pressure difference, a suction box (8, 9) is adapted to operate opposite to some or to each liquid feed point (6, 7, 10) on the other side of the web, substantially aligned with said liquid feed point (6, 7, 10).

Claim 13. (New) A method according to claim 10, wherein in order to establish said pressure difference, a suction box (8, 9) is adapted to operate opposite to some or to each liquid feed point (6, 7, 10) on the other side of the web, substantially aligned with said liquid feed point (6, 7, 10).

Claim 14. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein in order to establish said pressure difference, a suction box (8, 9) is adapted to operate opposite to some or to each liquid feed point (6, 7, 10) on the other side of the web, substantially aligned with said liquid feed point (6, 7, 10).

Claim 15. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein chemicals are added to the web (5) in conjunction with the liquid application in order to improve the qualities of the web.

Claim 16. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein chemicals are added to the web (5) in conjunction with the liquid application in order to improve the qualities of the web.

Claim 17. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein chemicals are added to the web (5) in conjunction with the liquid application in order to improve the qualities of the web.

Claim 18. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein the solids content of the ingoing web (5) is about 0.5 - 4.0 % and the solids of the outgoing web prior to its entry into the dryer is about 20 - 30 %.

Claim 19. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein the solids content of the ingoing web (5) is about 0.5 - 4.0 % and the solids of the outgoing web prior to its entry into the dryer is about 20 - 30 %.

Claim 20. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein the solids content of the ingoing web (5) is about 0.5 - 4.0 % and the solids of the outgoing web prior to its entry into the dryer is about 20 - 30 %.